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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A MULTI-SERVICE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRA TELECOM OF ARIZONA,

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DECISION NO. 63898

ORDER

Open Meeting July 24 and 25, 2001 Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On June 8, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), f/k/a U S WEST Communications, 15 | Inc., filed an application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between 16||Qwest and Integra Telecom of Arizona, Inc. ("Integra"). The original Interconnection Agreement 17 was approved by the Commission on June 30, 2000, in Decision No. 62750.
- The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local 19 exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants 20 to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to 21 be concluded by voluntary negotiation.
- 3. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Integra was 23 voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.
- Under the terms of this Amendment, terms, conditions and rates are added for 4. 25 Enhanced Extended Loop, Local Number Portability Managed Cuts, xDSL-I and Express Entry 26 Facilities. Under the terms of this Amendment Qwest will provide Enhanced Extended Loop to 27 Integra. Enhanced Extended Loop is a facility provided by Qwest that allows Integra to extend 28 Loops from the end user premises to an Integra Collocation in a different wire center. In

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1 accordance with the Amendment, Qwest will also provide Local Number Portability Managed 2 Cuts to Integra. Local Number Portability Managed Cuts allows Integra's customers to switch 3 providers in a coordinated fashion with Qwest while maintaining their original telephone number 4 after the transfer. Under the Amendment, Qwest will also provide Integra access to xDSL-I loops. 5 These loops are bi-directional, two-wire, Digital Subscriber Line signals. In addition, Qwest will 6 provide Express Entry Fiber Facilities to Integra, which provide Integra with additional Collocation options for virtual or physical Collocation.

- According to the 1996 Act, the Commission must approve voluntarily negotiated 5. interconnection and resale agreements, if their provisions are non-discriminatory and in the public 10 interest.
- Staff has reviewed the Amendment and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the 12 public interest. Owest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other 13 interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition 14 in the local exchange market in Arizona.
- Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Amendment pursuant to Section 7. 16||252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Integra.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, 1. 20 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.
- The Commission has jurisdiction over Integra and over the subject matter of the 2. 22 Application.
- The Commission, having reviewed the Application and Staff's Memorandum has 3. 24 determined that the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between Qwest and 25 Integra meets the requirements of Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act which governs the 26 proval of voluntarily-negotiated agreements and is in the public interest.
- The Commission maintains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Agreement 28 and Amendments thereof, to the extent permitted pursuant to the powers granted the Commission

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